

September 3, 2021

Stanly Transition to Partners

On Wednesday, September 1, behavioral health and substance abuse services for Stanly County residents transitioned to a new managed care organization (Partners). Based on initial reports from both Partners and Cardinal Innovations, the process has gone fairly smoothly to date.

Data, systems and operations were transitioned behind the scenes after several months of joint planning between Partners and Cardinal. According to Partners, call volume within their call center did not increase significantly on Sept. 1, and there were no critical issues reported.

Cardinal and Partners will both be providing weekly updates to keep County staff informed of the on-going transition. Further, the local realignment committee made up of key stakeholders, providers, client advocates, public safety officials and County staff will be meeting again on Sept. 15 to assess the transition, provide feedback and address any issues or concerns.

Lastly, the Board of Commissioners will be asked to take action to appoint a representative to the Partners governing board at the September 7 meeting.

FY 21-22 Sales Tax Summary

Sales tax revenue for July (September 2021 report) was \$1,253 (less than 0.05%) more than June (August 2021 report). The percent increase in Stanly County over the past month lags the statewide increase of 12.2%.

On a more positive note, Stanly County's sales tax revenue for September was \$67,715 (5%) higher than the same revenue source in September 2020.

WorkKeys Results for 2020-2021

The WorkKeys assessment is designed to measure "real-world" skills to help employers select, train and develop employees.

High school seniors in North Carolina take the WorkKeys assessment. NC DPI measures proficiency by achieving a "Silver" level. The silver level certification demonstrates the necessary foundational skills for approximately 65% of jobs in the WorkKeys database. Some sample jobs that correlate with the silver certification are machinists, engineering technicians, medical assistants, and administrative/clerical office managers.

Below please find the WorkKey results for Stanly County seniors this past academic year (2020-2021) and a comparison to other school districts in the region.

School District	% 12 th Graders Taking WorkKeys	% Silver or Higher Level
Union	77%	76.2%
Cabarrus	70%	67.5%
Statewide	67%	63.3%
Stanly County	89%	63.3%
Davidson	87%	62.7%
Rowan-Salisbury	89%	53.4%
Montgomery	94%	43.6%
Anson	58%	15.8%

School Name	% 12 th Graders Taking WorkKeys	% Silver or Higher Level
North Stanly	>95%	72.2%
West Stanly	88%	69.1%
South Stanly	90%	57.9%
Albemarle	82%	40.8%

Source: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/2020-21-school-assessment-and-other-indicator-data>